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TOPICS IN THIS REPORT

FLORIDA CATTLE AND CALF INVENTORY

All cattle and calves on Florida farms and ranches as of January 2003 totaled 1,750,000 head, two percent below last year and three percent below January 2001. Beef cows totaled 953,000 head, down one percent from last year and two percent below 2001.

Florida ranking among States based on inventory:

		2001	2002	2003
--	Beef cows	12	12	11
--	Total cattle and calves	18	18	18
--	Milk cows	13	15	15

Calves born during 2002 totaled 930,000 head, down 1 percent from 2001 and 2 percent less than the 2000 calf crop.

Changes in the percentages of various classes of cattle on January 1, 2003, from 2002 and 2001, respectively, are as follows:

-- Milk cows, 147,000, down 3 and 5 percent.

-- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 195,000, down 5 and 7 percent.

-- Beef replacement heifers, 130,000, down 7 and 10 percent.

-- Milk replacement heifers, 40,000, no change both years.

-- Other heifers, 25,000, no change both years.

-- Steers, 25,000, unchanged and up 125.

-- Bulls 60,000, no change both years.

-- Calves under 500 pounds, 370,000, down 3 percent both years.

CATTLE AND CALVES: January 1 inventory, by class, and annual calf crop, and value of inventory, Florida

Class	2000	2001	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
		1,000 head			Percent
Cows and heifers that have calved	1,150	1,130	1,110	1,100	99
Beef cows	994	975	958	953	99
Milk cows	156	155	152	147	97
Heifers 500 pounds and over:	210	210	205	195	95
Beef cow replacement	145	145	140	130	93
Milk cow replacement	40	40	40	40	100
Other heifers	25	25	25	25	100
Steers 500 pounds and over	25	20	25	25	100
Bulls 500 pounds and over	60	60	60	60	100
Calves under 500 pounds	385	380	380	370	100
Total cattle and calves	1,830	1,800	1,780	1,750	98
Calf Crop - entire year	950	940	930	--	–
		1,000 dollars			
Inventory value, all cattle and calves	1,098,000	1,134,000	1,246,000	[2/]	--

[1/] For the current year, the calf crop is the number of calves born before July 1 plus the number expected to be born on and after July 1. [2/] Available February 28, 2003

CATTLE AND CALVES: January 1, 2002-03 inventory number by selected classes, 2001-02 calf crop, by States

State	All cattle and calves			Beef cows that have calved			Beef cow replacements		Calf crop	
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2001	2002
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		1,000 head	
AL	1,370	1,440	105	750	761	101	102	118	680	690
AK	11.5	11.5	100	4.3	4.3	100	0.7	0.7	3.8	3.7
AZ	840	820	98	185	165	89	36	34	270	265
AR	1,820	1,850	102	927	949	102	165	180	820	850
CA	5,200	5,250	101	760	740	97	135	130	1,990	2,040
CO	3,050	2,650	87	797	702	88	120	102	840	820
CT	61	56	92	8	6	75	2.0	1.0	27	24
DE	26	25	96	4	4	100	0.9	0.6	10	10
FL	**1,780**	**1,750**	**98**	**958**	**953**	**99**	**140**	**130**	**940**	**930**
GA	1,240	1,290	104	594	625	105	87	90	580	600
HI	152	150	99	78	79	101	10	12	66	63
ID	1,990	2,000	101	493	490	99	85	90	860	860
IL	1,430	1,360	95	445	426	96	65	60	510	490
IN	880	860	98	226	230	102	42	41	345	340
IA	3,550	3,600	101	985	992	101	140	130	1,120	1,110
KS	6,600	6,350	96	1,505	1,525	101	230	250	1,480	1,510
KY	2,300	2,430	106	1,075	1,120	104	170	175	1,080	1,110
LA	850	860	101	466	471	101	81	86	405	415
ME	97	93	96	10	10	100	4.0	4.5	44	42
MD	245	240	98	41	41	100	14	11	103	102
MA	51	49	96	6	5	83	2.0	1.0	22	19
MI	990	990	100	73	89	122	30	35	335	340
MN	2,550	2,470	97	410	400	98	100	100	890	880
MS	1,100	1,070	97	576	557	97	98	95	540	500
MO	4,350	4,500	103	2,060	2,116	103	280	305	2,060	2,090
MT	2,450	2,400	98	1,451	1,402	97	370	380	1,550	1,490
NE	6,400	6,200	97	1,932	1,934	100	285	280	1,820	1,820
NV	500	510	102	240	245	102	44	46	225	220
NH	41	40	98	4	4	100	1.0	1.5	19	19
NJ	44	46	105	8	9	113	3	3	18	18
NM	1,580	1,590	101	500	470	94	100	90	610	600
NY	1,390	1,450	104	75	80	107	20	25	620	640
NC	950	920	97	434	417	96	73	73	450	445
ND	1,970	1,880	95	1,008	973	97	155	155	1,000	1,000
OH	1,250	1,220	98	280	260	93	70	70	480	470
OK	5,200	5,400	104	1,933	2,042	106	330	380	1,890	1,930
OR	1,400	1,360	97	605	593	98	155	115	660	660
PA	1,640	1,630	99	152	150	99	40	45	660	660
RI	5.5	5.5	100	1.4	1.6	114	0.4	0.3	2.6	2.6
SC	430	435	101	210	210	100	38	38	185	185
SD	3,950	3,700	94	1,792	1,686	94	300	290	1,850	1,840
TN	2,200	2,270	103	1,060	1,106	104	175	200	1,050	1,060
TX	13,600	14,000	103	5,440	5,489	101	750	760	5,050	5,000
UT	920	880	96	357	339	95	75	75	400	390
VT	285	280	98	12	10	83	4	4	145	140
VA	1,650	1,630	99	690	682	99	120	120	720	730
WA	1,130	1,100	97	253	248	98	48	55	460	450
WV	415	405	98	199	195	98	40	35	195	190
WI	3,300	3,300	100	230	235	102	60	65	1,360	1,350
WY	1,470	1,290	88	815	706	87	165	120	840	780
US	96,704.0	96,106.0	99	33,117.7	32,946.9	99	5,561.0	5,607.6	38,280.4	38,193.3

CATTLE AND CALVES: January 1 inventory number by selected classes, by State

State	Milk cows that have calved			Milk cow replacements		All calves under 500 lbs		Cattle on feed [1/]	
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	1,000 head		Percent			1,000 head			
AL	20	19	95	7	7	340	365	4	5
AK	1.2	1.3	108	0.5	0.6	2.4	2.4	[2/]	[2/]
AZ	140	150	107	33	35	157	145	305	289
AR	33	31	94	15	10	420	420	15	15
CA	1,620	1,680	104	770	790	1,040	1,060	480	490
CO	93	98	105	40	38	195	150	1,210	1,040
CT	24	23	96	11.5	11.0	11.0	10.0	[2/]	[2/]
DE	9	9	100	3.5	3.3	4.6	4.7	[2/]	[2/]
FL	**152**	**147**	**97**	**40**	**40**	**380**	**370**	[2/]	[2/]
GA	86	85	99	29	29	335	335	3	3
HI	7	6	86	3	3	35	32	[2/]	[2/]
ID	377	390	103	175	190	260	250	335	300
IL	115	114	99	50	50	255	245	200	190
IN	154	145	94	66	55	190	185	115	115
IA	205	208	101	120	100	480	460	955	980
KS	95	105	111	40	50	715	740	2,530	2,240
KY	125	120	96	40	45	500	540	15	10
LA	54	49	91	11	10	165	170	[2/]	[2/]
ME	38	36	95	20.0	19.0	18.5	17.0	[2/]	[2/]
MD	81	80	99	33	32	45	40	13	13
MA	21	20	95	9.0	10.0	9.0	8.5	[2/]	[2/]
MI	297	301	101	135	135	198	175	190	180
MN	500	480	96	295	295	550	510	270	270
MS	34	33	97	15	15	255	250	[2/]	[2/]
MO	140	134	96	60	55	920	960	70	70
MT	19	18	95	13	11	75	70	70	70
NE	68	66	97	25	20	450	410	2,370	2,260
NV	25	25	100	10	11	78	80	20	12
NH	18	17	94	8.0	8.0	7.5	7.0	[2/]	[2/]
NJ	13	13	100	6	6	8	8	2	2
NM	290	310	107	60	70	270	260	108	119
NY	675	680	101	300	325	225	245	25	20
NC	66	63	95	30	28	250	240	5	4
ND	42	37	88	15	13	118	116	62	70
OH	260	260	100	110	110	270	240	180	180
OK	87	88	101	20	30	1,060	995	365	335
OR	105	117	111	55	60	165	175	50	55
PA	588	590	100	285	280	330	320	75	75
RI	1.4	1.4	100	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.8	[2/]	[2/]
SC	20	20	100	8	8	111	112	4	4
SD	98	94	96	30	30	345	310	355	365
TN	90	84	93	40	40	570	550	10	5
TX	310	311	100	100	110	2,440	2,500	2,890	2,640
UT	93	91	98	44	45	130	113	25	30
VT	154	153	99	58	59	47.0	44.0	[2/]	[2/]
VA	120	118	98	60	48	375	365	27	29
WA	247	247	100	105	105	137	130	250	190
WV	16	15	94	5	7	70	73	8	7
WI	1,280	1,265	99	650	650	630	660	160	150
WY	5	4	80	1	1	120	95	80	75
US	9,111.6	9,151.7	100	4,060.2	4,103.5	15,762.8	15,563.4	13,860.3	12,915.8

[1/] Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. [2/] Included in other States.

UNITED STATES CATTLE AND CALF INVENTORY

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2003, totaled 96.1 million head, 1 percent below the 96.7 million on January 1, 2002 and 1 percent below the 97.3 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.1 million, were down slightly from the 42.2 million on January 1, 2002 and down 1 percent from the 42.6 million two years ago.

- Beef cows, at 32.95 million, were down 1 percent from both January 1, 2002 and January 1, 2001.
- Milk cows, at 9.15 million, were up slightly from January 1, 2002, but down slightly from two years ago.

Other class estimates on January 1, 2003 and the change from January 1, 2002, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 19.6 million, down slightly.
- Beef replacement heifers, 5.61 million, up 1 percent.
- Milk replacement heifers, 4.10 million, up 1 percent.
- Other heifers, 9.89 million, down 2 percent.
- Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 16.6 million, down 1 percent.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.25 million, up slightly.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 15.6 million, down 1 percent.
- Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 12.9 million, down 7 percent.
- The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots, 29.1 million, up 1 percent.

CALF CROP DOWN 1 PERCENT

The 2002 calf crop was estimated at 38.2 million head, down slightly from 2001 and down 1 percent from 2000. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.9 million, down 1 percent from 2001 and down 2 percent from 2000.

UNITED STATES SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2003, totaled 6.35 million head, down 5 percent from 2002 and 9 percent below two years ago. The inventory has trended down since 1942 when it reached a peak of 56.2 million head.

RELIABILITY AND ESTIMATING PROCEDURES

Primary data used in making cattle estimates in this report were obtained from a sample of farmers and ranchers across the U.S. using probability surveys. Information was collected by mail, telephone, and personal interview. In Florida, over 900 operators of cattle and dairy farms provided the basic data for the State estimates. Their cooperation is greatly appreciated. Since all operations with cattle were not included in the sample, survey estimates are subjected to sampling variability. The variability, as measured by the relative standard error, is slightly more than one percent of the total cattle and calves at the National level.